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Letter dated 10 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a note verbale, dated 22 October 2006, addressed to the Embassy of Belgium in Tehran by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 100, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. Javad **Zarif**

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Annex to the letter dated 10 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Note verbale

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of Belgium in Tehran and informs the latter that according to the information received, the Belgian Senate has invited Maryam Rajavi, one of the leaders of the terrorist group known as MKO, to Belgium to address the Senate on 24 October 2006 and to attend some other programmes.

The Islamic Republic of Iran believes that the invitation extended to Maryam Rajavi is in clear contradiction with the international obligations of Belgium to fight terrorism and contravenes the decision of the European Union, which has formally declared MKO as a terrorist group. The invitation is also a clear violation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), in which the Council has called for the commitment and cooperation of all States in the fight against terrorism.

The Islamic Republic of Iran expresses its strong protest to the Government and the Senate of Belgium in this regard, condemns the said invitation and calls upon the Government of Belgium to prevent Maryam Rajavi from entering the country and to cancel the invitation and all the programmes foreseen for her immediately.